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eage is positioned at said top floor.

2. (Twice Amended) The elevator apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said actuating device includes a support member, the speed-reducer mounted on a first side of said support member, a drive assembly mounted on a second side of said support member, and a brake assembly supported on said second side of said support member, said second side being opposite from said first side.

#### **In the Drawings:**

Filed concurrently herewith is a Submission of Proposed Drawing Amendment for Approval by Examiner (35 C.F.R. §1.123) in which Applicants proposed that Figs. 1-2 be amended to identify by the addition of the reference characters 27b and the associated lead line the "rotation surface" of the sheave 27 recited in claim 1 as amended and disclosed in the specification as amended. Figs. 1-2 have been marked in red to show the addition.

#### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-6 are currently pending in the application as amended. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the driving section includes a speed-reducer. Support for this limitation can be found in the specification, page 4, line 23 to page 5, line 4. Claim 1 has been further amended to more accurately claim that a rotation surface of the sheave is "generally perpendicular to an axis of rotation of said sheave and opposed to a side of the cage when the cage is positioned at the top floor." Support for this amendment can be found in the specification, page 8, line 12-19 and page 11, line 6-11. Claim 2 has been amended to properly refer to the speed reducer recited in claim 1.

Additionally, Applicants have proposed amending the drawings to identify and define the "rotation surface" recited in claim 1 as amended and have amended the specification to properly reference the "rotation surface" in the proposed drawings. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have clarified the rejected claims and have also narrowed the claims, thereby removing issues for appeal. Applicants respectfully submit that: (1) no new matter has been added to the application by the amendment; (2) the amendment resolves all issues raised by